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**This Number Marks the Beginning
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Among publishers September magazines are generally looked upon as the key numbers of the year. If they contain a satisfactory amount of advertising, and if renewals of subscriptions are beginning to come in fair volume, the publishers feel that things are starting right for a big, prosperous Fall and Winter.

Our own September Magazine is simply fine; twice as large as a year ago and containing double the amount of advertising.

Better still, more than half a million copies of it are being mailed to subscribers. That is to say, five hundred thousand families are now paying us to send them the Floral Magazine monthly because they love flowers and find the Magazine interesting and helpful to them in their work among them.

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I ask you to look through this September number with more than usual attention, as it contains the advertising of quite a number of reputable firms that spend many hundreds of thousands of dollars every year for advertising, and they would gladly use a great deal more space in our columns if our subscribers would answer their advertisements and do business with them.

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And so now you understand how much rests upon your own shoulders that will determine the success and improving of the "little Magazine".

I write these lines rather nervously, and yet with full confidence that I can count on the co-operation of a sufficient number of loyal friends of the Magazine to accomplish what I have striven for so long and earnestly, the permanent, early, regular mailing of the Magazine in increasing numbers, to gradually lead to the larger, handsomer Magazine we have so often thought of together.

Please make September number a success and later issues will give a good account of themselves.

**THE PASSING OF A GOOD
PRESIDENT-MAN**

I believe none of the half-million readers of the Floral Magazine will think it out of place that I thus publicly voice their deep sympathy that President Harding has been called to his long rest, relieved by a blessed Providence of responsibilities grown almost too great for a single human man to bear.

And how thankful we are that another strong, good man is at hand to carry on, a man whose public acts and utterances have impressed so many of us as of the Roosevelt type.

Would it not be well if all of us just at this time would think a little seriously what it means to take a citizen from the quiet walks of life and make him executive head, the king, of a tremendously great nation such as ours. Is it surprising that both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Harding were crushed under the load?

The morning papers announced Mr. Harding's death on the very day I was asked to write the matter for this page.

**AN INSPIRATION FROM
SALT LAKE CITY**

Mr. G. N. Child, Superintendent of the schools of Salt Lake City, has kindly sent us a report of the results of the first year's campaign of the National Clean Up and Paint Up Campaign in his city. The only items I have space to refer to are those covering flowers and shrubs, in which the Magazine is especially interested.

During the Spring season of this year I find that ten thousand flower beds and lawns were made and planted, twenty-nine thousand shrubs set out and nine thousand trees, or an increase over 1922 of more than fifty per cent.

The specially pleasing feature of the report is that this increased interest in flowers and shrubbery was the spontaneous outgrowth of cleaning up and not directly part of the campaign. I wonder if we might not have additional reports?

For more than fifty years the Floral Magazine has been successfully fighting for more flowers, believing where flowers existed dirt, untidiness and selfishness would disappear, and we welcome the advent of the "Clean Up, Paint Up" Society as a helper.

AUGUST AT LAPARK

This month the Hardy Phlox, Hibiscus and Cannas are in bloom, and they are unusually fine despite the very dry weather, hardly a drop of rain having fallen since early Spring until a few days ago.

The geranium-scarlet Phlox is especially attractive, with huge heads of the loveliest color, looking so effective with alternating rows of Bouquet Fleuri, white with cherry-red eye.

The pink Hibiscus appeals to me perhaps more than the red and white, probably because the Cannas make such a mass of fiery red. But my space is filled.

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- La Candeur.** At first the petals are touched with pink quickly becoming pure white.
- Madame Krelage.** A lovely purplish pink broadly margined with silvery bluish pink and having white base.
- Ph. De Communes.** Velvety, purplish maroon, or polished mahogany. Very fine.
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- Zulu.** Rich, purple-black; very dark and large.

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WHEN LILY BULBS BREAK

This is an unusual climate, but Lilies do splendidly here. I have found that it is not advisable to leave them too long in one location without separating them. The Candidum bulb, in particular, if left too long, is inclined to break apart. I have a friend who has several clumps and each year she separates them, giving the blooming ones new soil, leaf-mold and sand and some good fertilizer not too near the roots for fear of burning them.

I save and plant the scales of the Lilies when they break off, for that is Nature's way of increasing the stock. But the chickens got into them last year and that settled the new Lily bulbs, for they are best if left untouched in the ground during the growing season. Sea Pink.

STARTING FOX GLOVES FOR FALL

I wonder if a bit of old-time advice would help the readers who are starting Foxglove seeds? When questioned about them by a neighbor I recalled the directions given to my mother, many years ago. Her adviser said the chief trouble was that such tiny seeds, kept until Spring, were somewhat dried out and needed a little special care to start them. He suggested starting them indoors, in pots of nicely prepared, sifted soil, with good drainage, and settled by standing the pot in water until the earth was saturated. Then scatter the seed very thinly, dust over with fine soil or sand, cover with a paper and a glass, and place near the stove until plantlets show. Mother found the top of the warming closet a good place for them.

When the first seedlings were seen the paper was removed and the pot set in a good light, but not in full sun. The glass was slipped off occasionally, to avoid damping off, and the plants gradually hardened to light and air. When large enough to handle they were transplanted to a box of good earth and in a few weeks there were a fine lot of little Foxgloves. They were to be set in the ground early enough in the Fall to become well established before cold weather came on. In Kansas the time had to be chosen carefully, lest a dry spell might spoil them.

I have used this plan many times since and believe its use, and the good results obtained from following it on other kinds of seeds as well, are responsible for my liking to experiment with various seeds. It is such fun to try seeds you have never tried before and get results.

Mrs. J. F Wood, Idaho.


MY OWN PERENNIAL PHLOX

My collection of this splendid perennial, Phlox, started with some of the old purple variety. Then, seeing its possibilities, I bought two fine kinds and secured a number of others from exchangers.

The plants were given sandy soil and well decayed compost. The clusters and individual blooms were wonderful and the plants very prolific. I divided and rooted cuttings easily.

Seeds were saved from the finest plants and the blooms from the seedlings were pronounced by an expert to be superior to those raised from seed he had bought. I protect young seedlings which appear in all parts of my garden and obtain many odd shades and contrasts even in the individual heads of bloom.

Stanley J. Wood; Va.



Bulbs For Fall Planting

There are bulbs to plant in the Winter,
The Summer and the Spring,
But the ones that you plant this Autumn
Are the ones that will pleasure bring.

For earliness there's the Crocus,
For color, the Tulip gay,
And the Snowdrop comes up nodding,
E'en though it's cold and gray.

There are Lilies for the border,
With their stateliness and grace;
And the sweetly perfumed Hyacinth
Will always find a place.

Narcissus gladden many hearts,
With their blooms of gold and white;
And Lilies-of-the-Valley make
Dull corners sweet and bright.

You'll find me busy every day,
Just working in my garden,
Setting out my dry, brown bulbs
Before my beds all harden.

And when the Spring comes round again
She'll bring me blooms, you'll see.
And oh, I hope you're planting bulbs,
For the joy that they will be.

EXPERIENCE WITH DIGITALIS

THE first year I planted Digitalis seed I had difficulty. Not one seed grew. The next year I planted again, in the very same place, a spot shaded from the hottest rays of the noon-day sun. I worked the ground very fine, then scattered the seed and, taking a handful of the dirt, lightly scattered it over the seeds.

A shingle was lying near and I placed it over them, little knowing what a happy scheme I had come upon. That evening I lifted the shingle and, taking water in my hand, sprinkled the seeds till the ground seemed moist. I left the shingle on all the time for a week or so, watering in the evenings when they seemed to need it, which was not very often, for the shingle kept them moist.

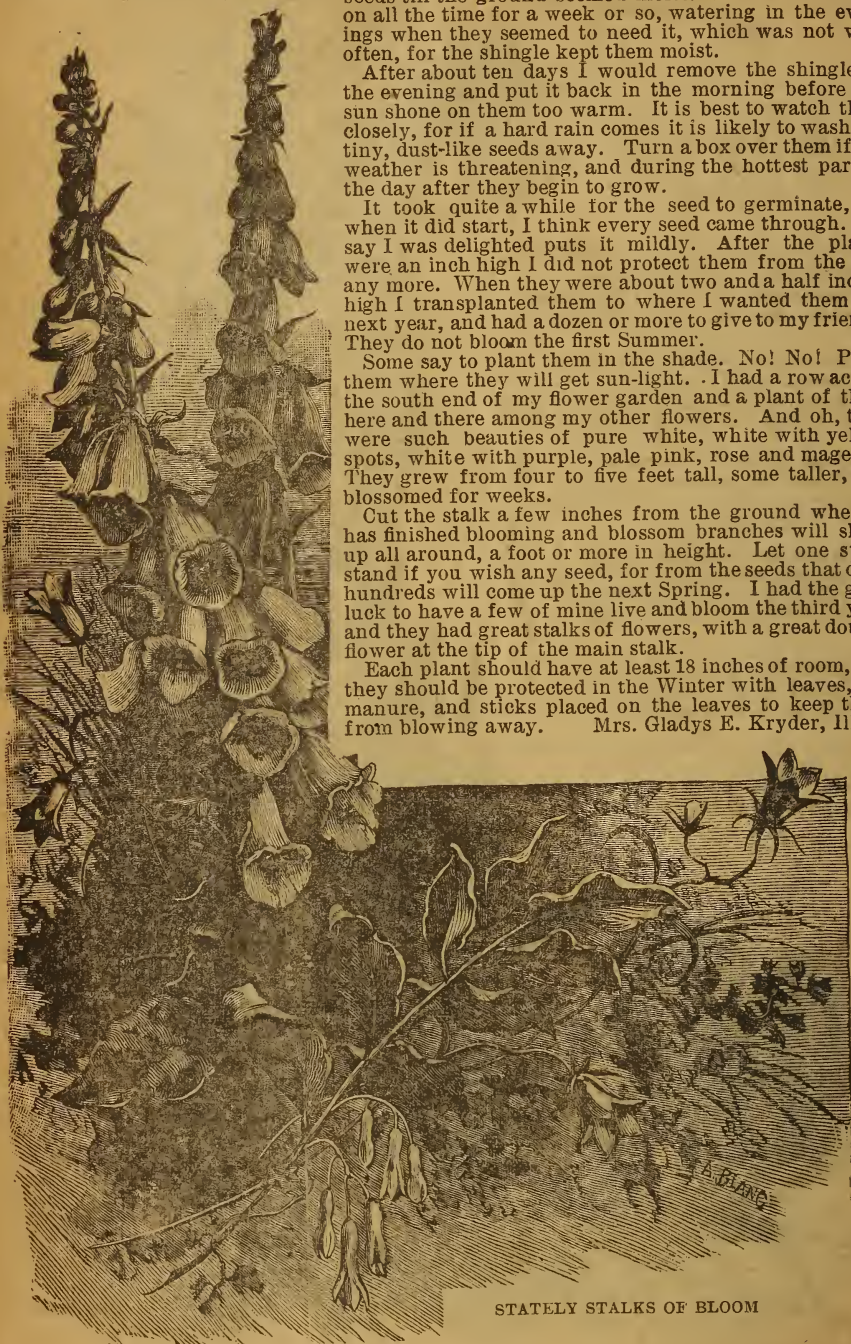
After about ten days I would remove the shingle in the evening and put it back in the morning before the sun shone on them too warm. It is best to watch them closely, for if a hard rain comes it is likely to wash the tiny, dust-like seeds away. Turn a box over them if the weather is threatening, and during the hottest part of the day after they begin to grow.

It took quite a while for the seed to germinate, but when it did start, I think every seed came through. To say I was delighted puts it mildly. After the plants were an inch high I did not protect them from the sun any more. When they were about two and a half inches high I transplanted them to where I wanted them the next year, and had a dozen or more to give to my friends. They do not bloom the first Summer.

Some say to plant them in the shade. No! No! Plant them where they will get sun-light. I had a row across the south end of my flower garden and a plant of them here and there among my other flowers. And oh, they were such beauties of pure white, white with yellow spots, white with purple, pale pink, rose and magenta. They grew from four to five feet tall, some taller, and blossomed for weeks.

Cut the stalk a few inches from the ground when it has finished blooming and blossom branches will shoot up all around, a foot or more in height. Let one stalk stand if you wish any seed, for from the seeds that drop hundreds will come up the next Spring. I had the good luck to have a few of mine live and bloom the third year and they had great stalks of flowers, with a great double flower at the tip of the main stalk.

Each plant should have at least 18 inches of room, and they should be protected in the Winter with leaves, not manure, and sticks placed on the leaves to keep them from blowing away. Mrs. Gladys E. Kryder, Ills.



STATELY STALKS OF BLOOM

ONLY TWO MORE YEARS FOR NARCISSUS

THE United States Department of Agriculture is always on the watch for ways and means of keeping away insects and diseases. An insect or disease that may not be noticeable in one country will do thousands of dollars worth of damage in another. So each plant and bulb imported must be very carefully examined, lest it bring with it something which is apt to be a serious menace to the country.

When a disease or an insect is discovered, we hear of quarantine measures to prevent its introduction, and, while these measures may keep us from having some of our best loved flowers, they prevent our crops and growing things from being ruined.

Just now a quarantine which has been in effect for a few years has been lifted to the extent that we can plant some of our old favorites. Those of you who are reading this Fall's catalogues have been agreeably surprised when you ran across such bulbs as *Chionodoxas*, *Scillas*, *Fritillarias*, and others, included in the lists.

However, you will also read that *Narcissus* will not be allowed after 1925. This means a great loss, as the family of *Narcissus* affords so many different varieties and forms, and a loss not to be made up by any of our other bulbs. Their gay, cheerful, golden and white blooms, with here and there a touch of red on some flowers, are such an addition to our beds and borders that they will indeed be missed.

Narcissus are not a bit hard to grow in your garden, so it is advisable to supply yourselves with a goodly quantity of them while they can be had. The bulbs are not expensive, and quite within the reach of all us. Some are being grown in the United States, but in not nearly as great numbers as are imported at the present time, and what home is complete without Paper Whites and Trumpet Majors blooming indoors and the hardy *Narcissus* outdoors?

There are white and yellow Tulips, and white and yellow Hyacinths, but they will

never be able to take the place of the golden-colored and pure white blooms that the *Narcissus* family offers. They cannot, they are not the same shape and do not fill the same place the *Narcissus* does.

When setting out your bulbs this Fall, remember that no manure should touch them. Good drainage is an important feature, and the bulbs do well in a good, turfy loam. Very strong bulbs can be planted from six to eight inches deep, about once and a half their own size, unless your soil is very light, when they

can be set a little deeper.

In beds and borders the *Narcissus* are very showy and can be planted either by themselves, or with other bulbs. Then, too, they are

valuable for naturalizing and very pretty when planted along the banks of streams and ponds. A great loss will be suffered when their importation ceases, and we can only hope that some means may be discovered whereby they may again find their way into our country, or a suitable place will be found in this great nation of ours where they may be

satisfactorily propagated.

Paper Whites

The pure white blooms of the Paper White *Narcissus* make them very popular for cut-flowers, as well as for blooming in the house. And there are so many little blossoms on each stalk, as you can see in the illustration.

These bulbs, as well as the Chinese Sacred Lily, *Narcissus tazetta* *Orientalis*, are very often grown on pebbles in water, and bloom well when so grown. Almost any kind of a dish can be used, with enough pebbles in the bottom to hold the bulbs in place and keep them out of the water. If allowed to more than barely touch the water, the bulbs rot. They are put away in the dark until roots have formed, and water is added from time to time, so that, once started, they will never dry out.

A Paper White blooming at Christmas-time adds fragrance to the holiday season and makes a very pretty gift to the shut-in to whom flowers mean so much.



SPIKE OF PAPER WHITE FLOWERS

PARK'S FLORAL MAGAZINE. COLOR SCHEMES

As far as the development of my tastes is concerned, I have not yet arrived where I do not enjoy a bed of flowers in mixed colors, and I find many like myself. Especially do I like the Phlox Drummondii in mixed colors. I had a bed of them near the front gate last year that brought forth expressions of admiration from passers-by, and my Hyacinths and Tulips, also, have been a perfect joy in spite of their mixed colors. However, I appreciate the value of color combinations and realize that mixing can be carried to the extreme, and from time to time plan beds and borders in color combinations that I think will prove interesting and pleasing and that will afford a succession of bloom. Some of these I will endeavor to pass on to others.

At the back of the yard I have recently acquired a space twelve by seventy-five feet that was added to the yard by moving the vegetable garden fence back twelve feet. Here, along this fence, is my hardy yellow and white scheme developing. Being an admirer of the Rudbeckia, Golden Glow, I will use this for the background; it furnishes Midsummer to

from the palest to the deepest. The Iris is well established; the Phlox and Delphinium new acquisitions. Lavender Petunias will fill the gaps between the larger plants and form a background for the Alyssum.

A bed of irregular form in front of the porch is set at the back with Shasta Daisies and white Perennial Peas. A white Rose occupies the deepest point and Snowball Petunias and pink Asters complete this color scheme.

A long, narrow bed south of the house is set in Iris in shades of blue and purple and annual Larkspur of the richest, deepest blue, interspersed with clumps of Shasta Daisies.

Long beds border the driveways. Nearest the gate a space about ten feet long on one side is set in Hardy Pinks and Phlox Drummondii, mixed colors, and in the opposite bed I will have Petunias in mixture; then Verbenas, Gladioli, Dahlias and others make out the beds in turn. Last year Vinca, Periwinkle, in three varieties bloomed over a long period next the scarlet and white Verbenas that carpeted the Chrysanthemum bed.

Funkias also make a very pretty bed along



FUNKIAS BORDERING THE DRIVEWAY

late Fall bloom. In front of this, clumps of white and yellow Mums, alternating with white and yellow Iris, and for early Spring blossoms, Tulips in the same colors. Then a continuous wave of white will be had all Summer from a row of wild Primroses, with their pure, Poppy-like blooms. Nasturtiums are being used now to fill the space that the Tulips and Iris will occupy in the Fall, as I have not set them out yet. At the ends of this border, where the fence forms corners, Snowballs, Golden Bells, and dwarf Deutzias will prevent sharp angles and add to the general scheme.

Another bed that I think is going to prove attractive is on the south of the garage. It is forty by twenty feet, and here is to be the blue scheme with white for relief. There will be a border of white Alyssum and hybrid Delphiniums to form the background in their varying shades of blue. In front of these are hardy Phlox in the following varieties: Le Mahdi, metallic, bluish violet; Antonin Mercie, pure white center, bordered clear lilac; Astier Rehu, violet-purple, pure white centre; and Frau Antoine Buchner, pure white. For Spring bloom are Iris in four shades of blue,

the driveway, with their spikes of blue and white flowers in the Summer. They are very easy to grow, perfectly hardy, and seem to improve with age.

My Rose garden is on the other side of the yard and lacks much to be desired, though I have some nice varieties, Kaiserin Augusta Victoria, Radiance and The Bride being the three with which I am especially successful. The space is small and I have only about three dozen established plants, but have a number of young ones to put out in the Spring that I rooted myself.

I root my Rose cuttings under inverted glass fruit jars, taking firm, this year's growth in the Fall, about October, cover in the ground about two inches, water, turn jar over, pressing it down firmly, and leave till Spring unless dry weather follows, when I water occasionally.

Some of my borders and beds are still hodgepodge, but I have acquired my plants, a few at a time, and can arrange them more thoroughly and thoughtfully in the Fall. I love the hardy flowers best and am giving the greatest portion of space to them.

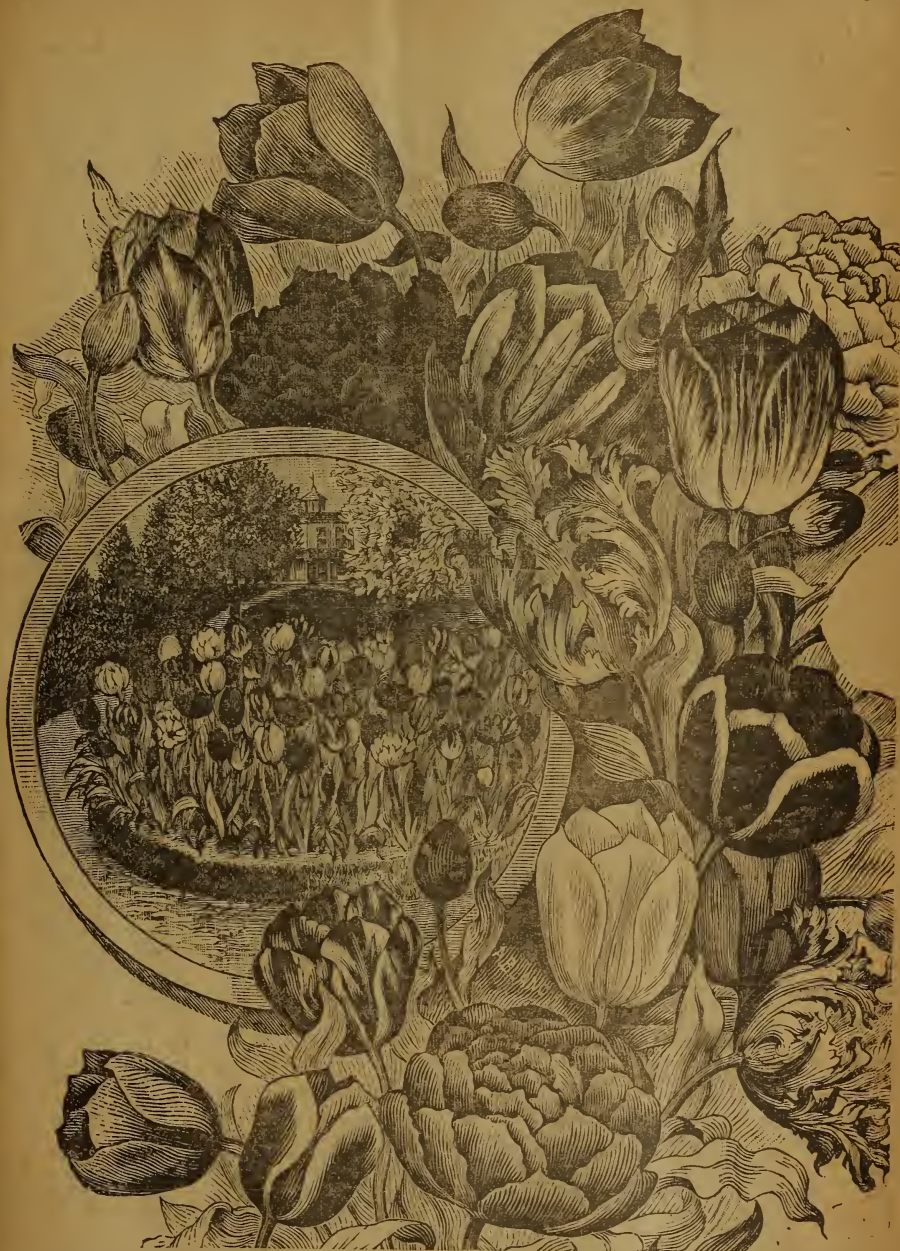
F. H. T., Texas.

Tulips Are Very Showy

In fact, Tulips are the most showy of all Spring flowers, and are growing more and more popular. Because of their stateliness and form they are pretty planted against buildings and are effective in formal beds

wonderful oriental shades of green and red and yellow

We find Tulips do best in a sandy loam that has been enriched with leaf-mold and well-rotted cow-manure, the bed high enough to



where designs play an important part.

There are early and late singles and doubles, Breeders and Rembrandts. The season of bloom lasts for two months, ending with the Darwins and May-flowering sorts around Decoration Day. And there are Parrots in

insure good drainage. The bulbs are set from four to six inches deep and from four to nine inches apart. The latter varies with the size of the bulb and the effect desired, but to have all bloom at the same time, the bulbs should be set the same depth.

FOR EARLY BLOOMS IN THE HOUSE PLANT ROMAN HYACINTHS

THE flower lover who, last Fall, saw Roman Hyacinths blooming in her neighbor's home, then and there decided not to let another year slip past without having some of her own. Comparatively few seem to know about these Hyacinths which have been grown in Southern France, when they see them with their two or three spikes of bloom they ask us how we "manage" it, for other Hyacinths rarely have more than one spike of flowers.

Personally, I prefer the Romans to the Dutch varieties for the house. The little bells are so very fragrant, and growing farther apart on the stem makes them more graceful than the compact blooms of the Dutch sorts. They are just for indoor planting, not being hardy unless you live in the extreme South.

Hyacinths are taken from Holland into Southern France, where they are grown for a year, and ripen earlier than those grown in Holland. This brings them to us sooner in the Fall, and they can all be safely potted and set away in the dark to grow their roots before our Dutch varieties arrive, which means earlier blooms, another reason for their popularity, and gives us that much more time to plan our beds outdoors.

In the dictionary you will find them called Hyacinthus Albulus and Praecox, and while they are not often called by these names, it is interesting to know them. Years ago these Hyacinths were grown in Italy, which accounts for their being called Roman. But since that time it has been found better to grow them in France and the name French Romans is often applied to the bulbs. Coming earlier, as they do, from France, they may be had in bloom from November until May, before we can force the Dutch varieties into flower.

Roman Hyacinths are very easy to grow. Three or four bulbs may be planted in a five-inch pot in which you would ordinarily set one of the Exhibition or First-Size Dutch varieties, and will thrive in soil composed of rich loam, leaf-mold and sharp sand. A few pieces of broken pot are placed in the bottom,

and the pot filled lightly. Then press the bulb into the soil until the tip shows above the surface. For six long weeks, we say long because they seem that when we are eagerly waiting and watching for the blooms, they must be put away in a dark, cool place, to give the roots a chance to develop.

Addison has said: "Blessings may appear under the shape of pains, losses, and disappointments, but let him have patience, and he will see them in their proper figure." Cannot we apply this to our flowers? For surely, without patience in allowing the bulbs to remain in the dark long enough to establish a good root-system, our "blessings" may take the shapes of "pains, losses, and disappointments" in the poorly shaped spikes of bloom.

Roman Hyacinths are also very satisfactory when grown in water. Half a dozen in a shallow dish are a beautiful and not to be forgotten sight when blooming, and because more flowers appear when the first have faded, they are a source of pleasure for days that run into weeks. They can also be grown in Hyacinth glasses, where their graceful bells will be a delight to all who see them. A little piece of charcoal will keep the water sweet, and the bulbs should just barely touch the liquid.

Florists plant several million Roman Hyacinths each season, setting the bulbs close together in flats, and use them for cut-flowers. White is by far the most popular sort, and really the prettiest, I think, though they cost a

little more, and you can also buy pink and blue Romans.

When a beautiful flower blooms in the house we are reluctant to see it fade, and how often does the wish come to us that we might keep it forever! Then we remember these few lines of Moore's:

"All that's bright must fade,
The brightest still the fleetest;
All that's sweet was made
But to be lost when sweetest".

And we are thankful for the loveliness of the blooms and the time when we could enjoy them.



BLUE, PINK AND WHITE BLOOMS

LILIUM AURATUM, THE GOLD-BANDED LILY OF JAPAN

MORE PRAISE FOR LATHYRUS

For years I have grown many of the leading varieties of flowers, and among those most admired by friends, and one that has given us the greatest pleasure, is the Gold-Banded Lily. For a long time we left the bulbs in a bed on the north side of the house where there is a good, sandy soil, and did not attempt to divide the clumps or disturb them in any way more than to fertilize the bed by giving a generous mulch of coarse, well-rotted manure in the Fall, after freezing weather set in. This served a two-fold purpose; it gave the bulbs Winter protection and it enriched the soil.

Last year the stalks and blossoms were growing inferior in size, so in October we divided the bulbs and set a row across the bed. The bulbs and roots were found to be compact and evidently much in need of being separated. They lived through the Winter nicely, but did

Much has been said and written about Perennial Peas, Lathyrus, and I want to add one more word of praise. Ours are on the east side of the house and grow to a height of eight feet, completely covering the windows. They are a mass of bloom and will continue to be from June until cut down by frost if kept picked. Many of the clusters have fourteen fully developed, individual blossoms.

Perennial Peas are entirely hardy, and will grow anywhere, but respond to rich soil and plenty of water by giving larger clusters and more of them. The mature plants have a long tap-root and resent transplanting, so it is well to plant them where they are to remain. Seed is rather slow about germinating and may be had in white, pink and dark pink. All reliable seed houses list them.

Mrs. S. A. Strong, Maine.

CHINESE DELPHINIUMS

Chinese Delphiniums are very satisfactory. They come in white, blue and lavender-blue, with finely cut foliage similar to annual Delphiniums. They grow about eighteen inches to two feet high and are profuse bloomers all Summer if the seed pods are kept picked as soon as the flowers fade.

The blue of this variety is one of the most beautiful of blues. They are easily raised from seed, but while this variety is hardy with me, I find it cannot stand as severe winters as the others.

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JUST ONE AURATUM BLOOM

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The bulbs can be replanted during September, October and November. They bloom late, so should not be moved until one is sure that the bulb has had a chance to thoroughly ripen. We were warned by Floral Friends not to disturb the plants, as they were so very sensitive to change, and would, also, simply die from no known cause. It is probable that these friends did not wait long enough for the bulbs to ripen. In that case they would not produce the beautiful, fragrant white flowers, spotted crimson and yellow banded, which make this Lily such a valuable addition to any garden.

Mrs. Ella F. Flanders, N. Y.

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DISPENSING WITH THE SMALL BLACK FLY

Of all the things about which the Floral Folk complain, the black gnat, or fly, seems to be considered their worst enemy and "catches it" right and left, early and late. Poor, little, abused fly! It is your best friend, instead of worst enemy, and I have never yet had my plant destroyed or injured by it. They tell you in deeds, instead of words, that your soil is too heavy, damp, soggy and sour, and unfit for plant life.

For best success, take up the plant so infested, wash the roots clean of earth and repot it in rich soil with one-third sand, and then watch it grow.

The eggs of this insect are laid in the soil and hatch out small white worms that burrow through it, making it porous, and better instead of worse. From this pupa state they emerge full-fledged flies.

I have had them fairly swarm to the windows in the sunshine of a warm Spring morning, seeking to depart, which I kindly aided them in doing, by raising the window.

This was before I discovered the following easy and sure remedy: water your plants in Winter with water as hot as your hand can bear. If, after a minute, your hand grows hotter, instead of cooler, it is too hot; cool slightly. This will kill them in every stage of their existence and your acquaintance with the small black fly is forever ended.

Gussie Morrow Gage, Kans.

PERENNIALS DEPENDABLE

While I enjoy the tender house plants, I have come to where I appreciate the perennials and beautiful flowering shrubs. They are so dependable for decorative purposes and also for cut-flowers, many coming just right for Memorial Day when everybody wants flowers.

I think my choice of perennials is the Iris, of which there are thirty-eight named kinds in my border, some very choice ones. The hybrid Delphiniums are a must have with me, as well as Phlox of many kinds and Paeonies. Who would think of doing without them? So beautiful and easy to grow, with blossoms of so many forms and colors are enough to make them popular. I must speak a good word for the Oriental Poppies, too, that every flower lover will halt to admire. Ivy, Iowa.

HYACINTHUS CANDICANS

Last year I planted seed gathered the year before from a Hyacinthus Candicans. They germinated quickly and freely, made good growth and when Fall came I had bulbs from one-half to three-quarters of an inch in diameter. They were planted this Spring and seem to be making good growth. I shall expect them to bloom next year.

Now that many things are no longer catalogued, we must raise them ourselves, from seed, if we want them.

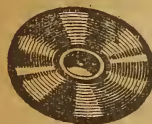
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SHIPPING IRIS

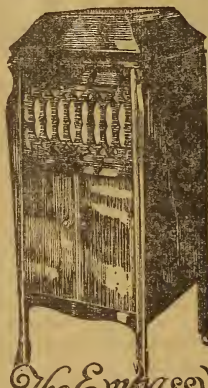
A good way to pack Iris is to take a heavy, pasteboard box and put a thick layer of excelsior in the bottom. Then put in your Iris, and fill up the remaining space with more excelsior. They will all live: for I had plants shipped from New York to Oklahoma last year without one dying. Iris, Okla.

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PERENNIALS FOR THE SHADE

In my estimation, the twelve best hardy perennials for borders in shady places are as follows:

Hemerocallis Kwanso
Hemerocallis Fulva
Funkia Subcordata
Funkia Ovata
Funkia Variegata
Funkia Thomas Hogg

Oenothera Youngii
Aquilegia Chrysanthe
Aquilegia Coerulea
Thalictrum Dioicum
Myosotis Desseiffiora
Viola Cornuta

And if a low-growing plant for edging purposes is desired, add Aegopodium Podagaria Variegata.

It will be useless to expect satisfactory results from plants growing in partially shaded situations unless they are properly grown and cared for, and so in preparing the bed or border it should be deeply dug and well enriched with sheep or well-rotted cow-manure, all sticks, roots and stems removed.

The plants should be given sufficient space in which to properly develop themselves and every Spring a good application of manure should be carefully dug in around them. At no time should they be allowed to suffer for want of moisture, and they will well repay many applications of liquid manure during their season of growth and bloom. It is also advisable to give a slight protection of evergreen or other branches during the Winter months, or from the first of December until the middle of March.

The flower stalks of the tall-growing species should be supported by neat stakes and all dead and decaying flowers and foliage removed when necessary so as to give the bed or border a neat appearance and aid materially in the prevention of insect pests. Planting should be done as early in October as possible so as to give the plants an opportunity to become established before freezing weather sets in and, also, as early in the Spring as the ground can be worked and danger of frost has passed.

Charles E. Parnell, N. Y.

BRANCHING DELPHINIUMS

A white Delphinium, Moerheime, three years from seed this Spring, sent up three blossom stalks each five feet tall. The terminal spikes are twenty-two inches long, two bearing forty and one fifty-one fully developed blossoms, all open and perfect at the same time. The individual blossoms are two inches in diameter and pure white. Beside the terminal spike, each stalk has from seven to nine lateral shoots full of buds. This variety differs from other Delphiniums in not being as tall and with flower heads more branching in habit of growth. It is the "queen" of my garden at this time.

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Scillas, commonly known as Squills, Bluebells and Wild Hyacinths, will come to give



SCILLA SIBERICA; SIBERIAN SQUILL

us their pretty little blossoms early in the Spring. Though there are white and reddish purple forms, the blues are by far the most popular. Chionodoxas, too, will be here. You will remember these very early blue, white and pink blossoms as Glory of the Snow. They and Scillas bloom along with the Snowdrops, which can be had in greater numbers this year.

In colors of white, yellow, orange, lilac, pink, crimson, red, purple, and even green, we have the Ixia, a popular member of the Iris family, though perhaps not so well known. They bloom in June, and we have been told by one ardent admirer that they "make a braver show even than Tulips". So we are fortunate in being able to have them this season.

Muscari will bloom here again from February to May, with their pretty, dark purple, blue and white flowers.

If you have any half shady places you will be interested to hear that Winter Aconites, Eranthis, are to be imported this Fall, for they are very hardy and at home among the shrubs or in a border. They bloom, with bright yellow flowers, as soon as the frost is out of the ground, from January to March.

Perhaps one of the best known and most popular of all the bulbs again offered is the Crown Imperial, Fritillaria Imperialis, of old-fashioned gardens. The flowers are quite different from others of our Spring-blooming bulbs in their formation and there are both double and single varieties, in yellow and red. The leaves are prettily striped white in some kinds, gold in others.

So we rejoice in all these favorites and take a renewed interest in our planting, in expectation of the beautiful blooms that the Spring will bring us, blooms which we have not enjoyed in the past years, together with the ones we have had.

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 And 'tis cheerful all around.

—Albert E. Vassar, Mo.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Sisters: While on a trip to Cedar Lake this Summer I spied a very beautiful blue flower peeping out from the foliage of a wild Rosebush. It was two feet high, with a dozen or more flowers on each stem. Each flower was nearly two inches long and more than a half inch in diameter and of the brightest blue imaginable, with a crinkly white ruffle on the edge.

Of course I could not go home and leave such a treasure, so I took a plough point we had along for an anchor and lifted it very carefully. It is now sleeping nicely in my hardy border. In scanning my perennial catalogues I came across one that tallies with the plant I found and is named *Closed*, or *Bottle*, *Gentian*.

The same day I found two other' worth while wildlings for my perennial border. When one goes on such trips and will look closely he will be able to carry back home more than one beautiful treasure. But when you start on such a trip take a spade with you, then you can be sure of digging them all right. I have lost more than one lovely flower, fern and cedar tree by digging with only a sharp splinter or with my hands.

How many have seen the beautiful wild flowers by the waysides while rushing along in an auto, but thought it too much trouble to stop for just a minute to dig one and take home for that perennial border? Just try it once, sisters. By adding a wildling here and there among your perennials you will soon have a beautiful bed.

Mrs. Norman Stoner, Ind.

Note:—Many lovely perennial beds and borders can be made in this way. But they should not be made at the expense of the place from which the plants were taken. More people see the pretty flowers along the road than when they have been transplanted to the garden of an individual. If the wild flowers in their native haunts are plentiful, all right; if they are in danger of extermination, admire them where Nature has planted them, not on your grounds.—EDITOR.

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AGAPANTHUS OUTSIDE

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I covered it with straw fertilizer last Fall and it came through the Winter all right. It has been there two years and grows and blooms beautifully every season.

Rhododendron, Oreg.

LYCHNIS UNTIL FROST

Two years ago I bought a packet of that fine old perennial, Lychnis Chalcedonica, known in some localities as London's Pride, Maltese Cross, Jerusalem Cross, Scarlet Lightning and Fireball.

The seeds were duly planted and I think every one must have grown, for besides the luxuriant clumps in my garden, several flower-loving neighbors received a start of the plants.

The Lychnis were full of gorgeous bloom this Summer and by cutting off fading flowers it is possible to have them flower until frost comes.

Mrs. C. M. A., Wash.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Sisters: I wonder how many ever think plants have memories? In 1901 a plant allied to the squash and pumpkin family was taken to New York from the desert of Sonora, in Mexico, and since then it has been kept, without watering, in a strange climate thirty-five hundred miles from its home. During the six weeks of rain in the desert the plant grows its leaves and flowers and perfects its seeds, then it dries up and leaves only a water-filled gourd which a thick, hard shell seals against animals and evaporation.

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Dear Floral Friends: One of the readers told us to use old manure from the stable lot for dahlias. My neighbor did that last spring when she planted her dahlias and discovered that the roots, after having been planted awhile, were simply alive with earth worms, so she says, "never again!" Woods dirt is ideal and pulverized sheep manure is good as a fertilizer, but do not fail to use some lime.

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As I drop below the town,
And the pleasant song of workmen
On the breeze is floating down.

Far away the slender brooklet
Gleams upon the yellow plain,
Like a newly sharpened sickle
Dropped amidst the golden grain.

Past the town and through the valley
Sweeps the flashing river fast,
Like a herald to the future
With a summons from the past.

Now my soul hath caught the music
Of the happy harvest strain,
And the stream of gladness flashes,
Like the brooklet, in my brain.

And responsive to the river,
How my spirit sweeps along,
As it goes to meet the future,
With a purpose firm and strong!

—Thomas Buchanan Read.

Dear Floral Corner: I know you will all be green with envy when I say I have exchanged slips and house plants with flower lovers in every state of the union. Do you blame me for feeling just a bit swelled up with pride? I received my first box of slips when twelve years of age, from a pen friend in Michigan, and since then it has been my hobby from early Spring until late Fall to receive and send boxes of slips. I have never found one false friend among the exchangers, only some plants were poorly packed and looked like a bundle of dried weeds when they arrived.

How many have the Begonia craze? I have found that Begonias of the Semperflorens type can be treated as Geraniums, with plenty of sun. Argenteo-Guttata and Metallica do best in light soil without manure; partial shade suits them.

Fuchsias simply will not grow for me, although I have given them the best of care. All I can tell about them is a legend I heard. "When Christ hung on the cross, as his side was pierced a stream of blood poured from his wound to the sod below. An angel, nearby, saw this and, thinking the drops of blood too precious to be lost, prayed that God would raise from them a flower. Immediately a Fuchsia sprang up and offered all of its incense at His feet. Hence it is now without fragrance."

To keep Water Hyacinths over Winter, pot a few plants in earth and keep in a cool place till Spring. Then put in a vessel with a little water and manure and keep filled with water.

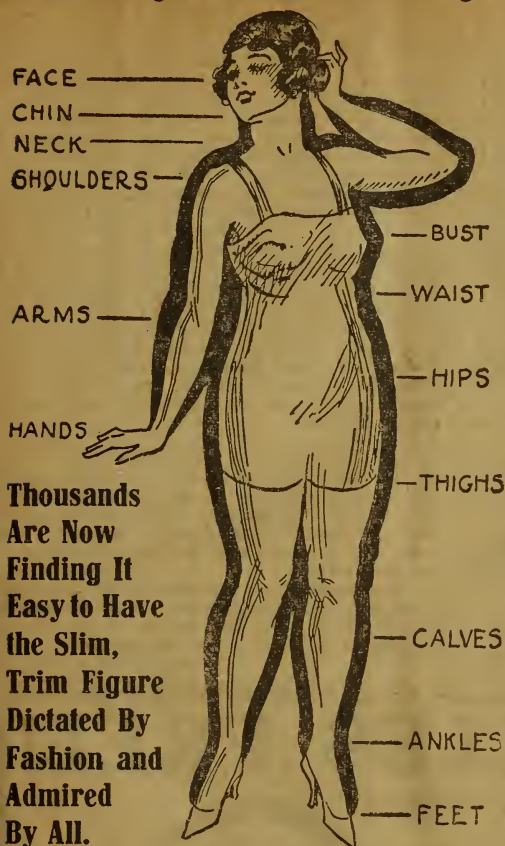
Maud V. Greenland, Md.

Dear Floral Friends: Last year I bought a collection of Tulips; I never had any before and knew not what to expect from the mixture. First came four beautiful, double, creamy Tulips with pinkish blotches on the petals. Just as these were showering their petals at their feet opened a rich, deep lavender and a royal purple, both single. The next to open were two rose-pink, cup-shaped, single blossoms. They lasted over three weeks altogether.

The rest of the collection failed to appear, due to the fact that the hens took upon themselves the task of cultivation before I spied them. It is so interesting to watch for the bulbs to open when you do not know what colors and varieties to expect from mixtures.

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Dear Floral Friends: There has been much written on Dahlias lately, and I have been led to think that the big, hardy, coarse-looking plants were free from all pests. This is the first year I have had them in my garden and I have about twenty-five sturdy specimens, but I am discouraged and disgusted with attempting to grow them for I find they have been attacked by a stalk borer. I have tried insect powders of different kinds but there seems to be nothing to do but to tear the stalks apart at the expense of the blossoms, and kill them. Will not somebody please help with a remedy?

Mrs. E. Heacock, Ind.

Note: The larva of the Dahlia stalk borer burrows up and down the inside of the main stem usually causing the upper portion to wilt and die. The only way to rid the plant of its presence is to slit the stem lengthwise with care and a sharp knife, and kill the borer. For the tarnished plant bug which sucks sap from the stems and buds, causing them to drop off, spray the plants with nicotine solution.—EDITOR.

Dear Floral Friends: Last Fall I took some of the ends of my climbing Nasturtiums and put them in water in a sunny window where they rooted and grew splendidly. The seeds grow on after the blossoms are dead, and I put them in salted vinegar; they are delicious to eat for a relish.

It does a lot of good to pass on helpful hints to all who read and heed, and I feel that I have gained much from the letters of the floral friends who tell us of their experiences

Mignonette, N Y.

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The bruised seed not break.
He knows the cross, the strength, the crown,
I'll bear it for His sake.

I know not how, or when, or where,
But some time He will come,
And call the weary wanderer
And I shall rest at home.

—Mrs. A. J. Foster, Vt.

FRIENDS' FLORAL CORNER

Dear Floral Friends: Try Farfugium Grande, Leopard Plant, if you like spotted plants, but pinch out the blooms as they are poor. And do not give your Aspidistra stinky treatment, feed it well and be sure the drainage is good. It is best to keep it in the shade or it will lose much of its variegation.

When you plant Aquilegias or Delphiniums take a "patience pill;" they are very slow in germinating. Out here I plant them in September, in partial shade. To be sure of your plants it is advisable to buy good seed, from a reliable house. It pays to get the best; that applies to Pansies and Stocks, as well.

If you will plant Columbine back of Iris, the foliage will cover the Iris plants when they die down.

I have an acquaintance who comes to me and asks for the only bloom in two years on a bulb that costs much money. But when I offer her plants to grow for herself she says, "Oh, I could not be bothered with a garden."

Have you any friends like that?

I wish you could see my Petunias, Giants of California. They are twelve and fourteen inches around, all colors and various markings. I have fifty Roses that I raised from seed which I gathered as soon as ripe and planted last Fall. Some of the little things have buds on now. How I watch and count them!

Last year I grew a hundred Dahlias from seed from England. They were gorgeous.

M. R. R., Calif.

Dear Floral Friends: I wonder how many have "Bulb Fever" this Fall? I hope you all do! It usually takes about five dollars to relieve me, but I shall have to do with less this year.

A dozen big Sir Watkin Narcissus will find their way into a window box thirty inches long by five inches wide, with ten mammoth purple Crocus at intervals along the edge. Three monster pink Hyacinths are to be grown in water and pebbles. I shall have four extra pots of purple Crocus; four immense Trumpet Narcissus, Glory of Leiden, five Emperors and two Golden Spur.

Then something new for the garden will be a dozen double yellow Tulips. Do you plant double Tulips? Single ones are pretty, but the double ones are popular with me; they look like great, big Roses. And I have some beautiful red ones that resemble little Paeonies.

Primrose, Minn.

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Are free as a rippling river;
But let us not take His priceless gifts
And then forget the Giver.

'Twere vain to try to thank Thee,
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'Till we meet where flowers never fade.
In our Father's bright home above.

—Mrs. A. J. Foster, Vt.

A TRUE BLUE FLOWER

The hardy Delphinium is lovely, one of the true blue flowers we have. Mine are six feet tall and all shades of blue from the palest to violet-blue, with a black and white bee in every flower. Each plant has from eight to twelve flower stalks and they remind one of a regiment of soldiers, they stand so straight and tall. I raised them all from seed.

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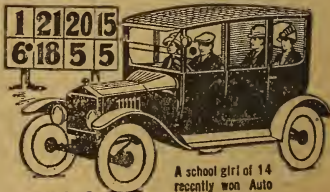
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They are falling in the valleys, where the early violets spring,
And the birds in early springtime first their dulcet music sing.

They are falling, sadly falling, close beside the cottage door,
Pale and faded, like our loved ones, that have gone forevermore.

They are falling, and the sunbeams shine in beauty soft around;

Yet the faded leaves are falling, falling on the grassy mound.

They are falling, they are falling, while our saddest thoughts still go,
To the sunny days of childhood, in the dreamy long ago;

And their faded hues remind us of the blighted hopes and dreams.

Faded like the falling leaflets, cast upon the lonely streams.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. How should I treat my Amaryllis Johnsonii after it has finished blooming?—D. W., Ga.

A. It can be repotted in the Fall, or after it has finished flowering in April. If you pot your bulb this Fall, let it remain rather dry during the Winter. The bulbs winter all right in a temperature not allowed to fall below forty-five degrees F., and when they begin to show flowering scapes, should be given more heat and light.—EDITOR.

Q. Please tell us something about Strawflowers.—D. B. B., Oreg.

A. Strawflowers are Helichrysum and come from Africa and Australia. Of about four hundred species, Bracteatum is the one most generally planted in the United States. It is an annual and does best in a rich, loamy soil, but will grow in any garden soil. In the Fall the blossoms are cut and used for Winter bouquets as they preserve their original form and color.—EDITOR.

Q. What can I do for scale on my Palm?—Y. R., N. Car.

A. Spray with nicotine solution or soap and water. For nicotine solution use one-half pint (40 percent nicotine sulphate), fifty gallons of water and two pounds of common soap.—EDITOR.

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Dear Flowers: I have a fine lot of Geranium plants raised from seed. This I bought early in the Spring and planted in a shallow box of sifted garden earth and part sand. I think every seed came up, but some "straggler" in our yard broke off a few of them and I now have about ten. I potted the little Geraniums in small pots when they had a third leaf, in a mixture of earth and sand; one will soon flower. Bits of pebbles and several small chips of old cow manure I put in the bottom of the pots. They are growing so well I am eager to see what colors the blossoms will be.

I planted my hardy Chrysanthemums the same way and think every one of those seeds came up, too. But the drouth hurt them before they were large enough to transplant. We have so many flowers that I could not water all as often as they needed it, owing to the low water supply.

Honeysuckle, Md.

Azalea, how do you keep your cannas through the winter? We have two kinds of yellow canas, very tall and beautiful. I have planted them by the porch in front of the house for several years and the broad leaves and flowers look so pretty from the inside in the plate window. But it is hard for me to keep the roots over winter. The most trying time seems to be in early spring, before planting. The roots turn black and dry and I have a few less to plant each season.

I have had white nicotiana for years. It always comes up from seeds and grows easily from slips. I took up a plant and potted it last fall and it blossomed abundantly all season. My pink petunias were so fresh and sweet in the winter. In the spring I planted them out by the porch again, where they have been all summer and are so fragrant, especially in the evening. I brought in a bunch of monardas, they are odd-looking flowers but really very pretty, I think. Try them in your garden next summer if you do not have them.

Schneewittchen, Minn.

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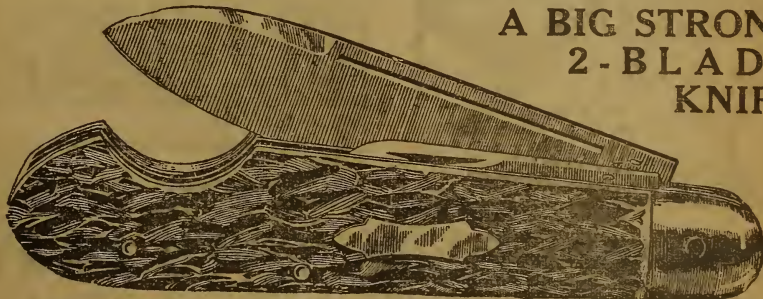
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—V. F. H., W. Va.

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Q. Do Giant Summer Hyacinths, Gaionia Candicans, need any protection in the Winter and should they be moved?—R. B., Ills.

A. When the Winters are very severe they should be heavily mulched. As large clumps are desirable, the bulbs may be left in the same place for years.—EDITOR.

Q. I always thought Snowdrops bloomed in the Spring, but I saw a plant a woman called Snowdrop which bloomed in the Autumn. Do Snowdrops ever bloom at this time?—C. K., Ohio.

A. There are both Spring and Autumn blooming Snowdrops, but the latter are usually weak-growing plants.—EDITOR.

Q. What plant is called Snake's Head Lily?—M. D., Mass.

A. Fritillaria Meleagris, also known as Checkered Lily.—EDITOR.

Q. I started Geranium slips in the Fall and have nice plants, but whenever buds form they turn yellow and fall off. What can I do to make them bloom?—A. A. H., Iowa.

A. Stir some lime and sulphur into the surface soil, and water rather sparingly for awhile, giving a sunny situation. Bonedust stirred into the soil will also prove beneficial. If your plants are root-bound shift them into large pots before applying the lime and sulphur.—EDITOR.

Q. What plant is called Dyer's Greenweed?—C. F., Wyo.

A. This name has been given to Genista Tinctoria.—EDITOR.

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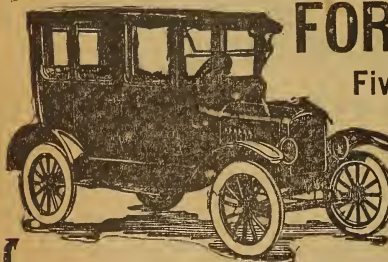
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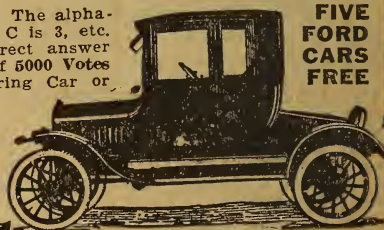
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Q. How can I have Tulips blooming for Easter?—M. T., Iowa.

A. Pot your bulbs in the Fall, in good garden loam, with enough sand in the soil to make it friable, allowing from three to five bulbs in a five-inch pot. Then keep them in a cool, moist place. If Easter is late, the growth should be retarded in a cool, dark place. Bring them to the light gradually, three weeks before Easter, and do not place them in the sun until you want the flowers to develop. Chopped tobacco stems over the surface around the bulb will prevent an attack of aphids.—EDITOR.

Q. How can I get rid of the ants that are bothering me?—M. J. N. J.

A. Pour a little carbon bisulphide into the ant's nest, and then cover the place with damp cloths. The fumes will kill them.—EDITOR.

Q. Can the perfume in flowers be intensified?—C. B., Ind.

A. Experiments in connection with this have been and are being conducted by Prof. Daniel, of the University of Rennes, France. By grafting a shoot of wormwood on a Chrysanthemum it was found that the odor of the Chrysanthemum was greatly intensified. Although still in the experimental stage, it is to be tried on a greater scale this year at Grasse, which is the center of the perfume industry of France. All perfume-producing flowers are to be grafted with shoots of various plants in an effort to determine which species create the desired results. This will be a great boon to the scent industry.—EDITOR.

Q. Do Hyacinth seeds make bulbs? If so, when and how should they be planted?—L. T., Ky.

A. The seed taken from seed-pods that form on Hyacinths here does not germinate. Foreign seed can be grown, treated the same as any other perennial.—EDITOR.

Q. What is the name of the Sensitive Fern?—F. G. H., Miss.

A. Onoclea Sensibilis.—EDITOR.

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Q. My Geraniums were in a good, healthy condition when the leaves began to turn brown and fall off. What can I do for them?—M. E., Nev.

A. Your plants have been attacked by fungus. Stir some lime and sulphur into the surface soil as soon as the leaves begin to turn yellow, to sweeten the soil. Then dust the plants with a mixture of powdered lime and sulphur. Have the soil porous and well-drained and water moderately.—EDITOR.

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A. Paony seed can be sown in either Spring or Fall, covered half an inch. Seed sown in Fall may germinate the following Spring, sometimes it takes until Fall, or even the second Spring after sowing.—EDITOR.

Q. What can I do for the red spider on my hardy Phlox?—J. L., Mo.

A. Spray the plants with kerosene emulsion or with soap and nicotine solution. For kerosene emulsion dissolve a half pound of common soap in a gallon of hot water and add two gallons of kerosene. This should be churned vigorously until a creamy mass forms which thickens upon cooling. Dilute nine times before using.—EDITOR.

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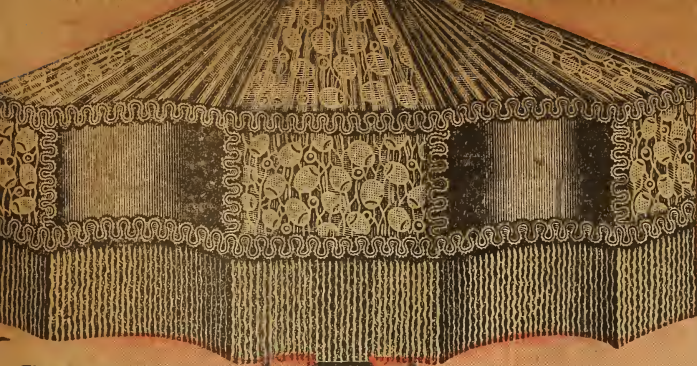
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